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PROPOSED ARGO STEERING COMMITTEE CHAPTER

The ARGO Steering Committee serves as the focal point between the Intelligence Community and civil agencies to achieve optimum utilization of the overt and covert reconnaissance satellite and aircraft systems product and their products in fulfilling the requirements of the Federal government civil agencies for remotely sensed data.

In order to achieve this purpose, the ARGO Steering Committee is composed of the following member and liaison organizations:

Member Organizations

OST Office of Science and Technology (OST)
Department of Commerce
Department of the Interior
Department of Transportation
Office of Emergency Preparedness
Department of Agriculture
National Aeronautics and Space Administration
Department of State (AID)
Office, Chief of Engineers (Civil Works), U. S. Army

Liaison Organizations

National Aeronautics and Space Council
Defense Intelligence Agency
COMREX of USIB Committee on Imagery Requirements and Exploitation (COMIREX)
National Photographic Interpretation Center
National Reconnaissance Office
Office of Management and Budget

The committee is charged with the following tasks:

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a. Review for feasibility and consolidate

ARGO members' data requirements;

b. Submit, when necessary, ARGO

members' requirements to appropriate components
of the intelligence community for action;

c. Explore applications of systems and
techniques developed by the intelligence community
for solving to determine the extent to which these
systems and techniques may solve ARGO members'
needs, by conducting and conduct pilot tests and ~~issuing~~
issue reports on these tests, as appropriate;

d. Inform itself on NASA satellite and
aircraft experimentation proposals to insure on behalf
of member agencies that such proposals extend know-
ledge and build on lessons learned from the intelligence
system developments; and

e. Study in ~~conjunction with~~ Assist appropriate
officials of the intelligence community ~~means for saniti-~~
~~zation and declassification of~~ in devising ways, in
accordance with existing regulations and procedures

established and followed by the intelligence community, of sanitizing for removal from compartmentation, and of downgrading, if possible, information derived from the covert systems for the purpose of increasing its usefulness to civil agencies in conducting their respective missions.

The Chairman of the ARGO Steering Committee will review ARGO member agency requests for personnel access to compartmented intelligence and covert system information which bear relevance to ARGO activities, and will forward these requests, along with the results of his review, will be submitted to the COMIREX for action, to the TALENT Control Officer of the Central Intelligence Agency for consideration and action.

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